

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action electronically sent September 4, 2008. Claims 1-15 are pending in the application and are rejected. Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons given below. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Double Patenting

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-15 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 21, 24, and 44 of U.S. Patent No. 6,628,644. Applicants respectfully file herewith a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.321(c) to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-15.

CONCLUSION

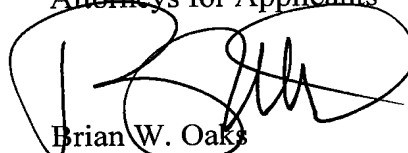
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the present application is not allowed and/or if one or more of the rejections is maintained, Applicants hereby request a telephone conference with the Examiner and further request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney to schedule the telephone conference.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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